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Office Action Summary

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09/661,816

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Robert D. Harlan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9, 21 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Remark and Petition for Time Extension filed by Applicants on 11/07/03 have been entered.

Response to Remark

2. Applicant's Remark filed on 11/07/03 have been fully considered and is found persuasive.

3. The rejection of claims 10-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cope is withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

4. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 10-20 in Paper No. 9 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is a common thread running through each on the groups placed under restriction and that such restriction would result in a duplication of effort. This is not found persuasive because the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process and subject matter covered by Group I and III is an intermediate product that can be sued as a binder or adhesive.

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5. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

6. This application contains claims 1-9 and 21-22 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 9. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

7. Claims 10-20 are allowed.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art located or identified by the Examiner is Cope. Cope teaches a process for preparing an extrudable composite comprising a PVC polymer resin, cellulose, a stabilizer, a lubricant, wood flour and process aids. See Cope, page 2, line 19 through page 5, line 51. The present invention differs from Cope in that the Example found in Cope do not teach the high amounts (24 to 65 wt. %) of cellulosic material (wood filler). Cope teaches in the full disclosure volume ration of wood filler:resin of 15:100 to 140:100. See Cope page 2, line 54. The Examiner concurs with the Applicants

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that one of ordinary skill would not be motivated to modify Cope by adding higher amounts of wood filler because at the time of the present invention higher amounts of wood filler was detrimental to the base polymer.

8. As of the date of this Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including Cope to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

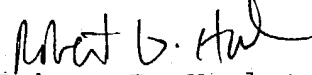
Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D. Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10 AM - 8 PM.

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11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-1102 for regular communications and (571) 273-1102 for After Final communications.

12. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1495.


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February 5, 2004